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SUBJ: AN QUANG COMMEMORATES NATIONAL DAY

1. APPROXIMATELY 2,000 AN QUANG BUDDHISTS MET PEACEFULLY AT THE
PROVINCIAL PAGODA IN DA NANG AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 1ST TO
COMMEMORATE THE OVERTHROW OF NGO DINH GUEN. THICH QUANG THE,
PRINCIPAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DA NANG UNIFIED BUDDHIST
ASSOCIATION, GAVE THE MAJOR ADDRESS. THE RECALLED THE BUDDHIST
ROLE IN FORCING THE REMOVAL OF DIEM, AND CALLED ON PRESIDENT
THIEU TO RECOGNIZE HIS OWN INCAPACITY AND RESIGN, TO BE REPLACED BY
WHAT THE TERMED A "PEACE CABINET".

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2. DA NANG CITY COUNCILLOR PHAM VAN BA, WHO IS VICE CHAIRMAN FOR

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION FORCE IN DA NANG, ALSO ADDRESSED THE GATHERING. HE RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE LEGALITY OF THE NRF, AND STATED THAT WHILE THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET HAD THE TIME TO LEGALIZE THE NRF, THE PARIS AGREEMENTS CALL FOR A CEASEFIRE AND RECONCILIATION, WHICH IS WHAT THE NRF IS ATTEMPTING TO BRING ABOUT. BY IMPLICATION, THEREFORE, BA TIED THE LEGALITY OF THE NRF TO THE PARIS ACCORDS.

3. FOLLOWING THE ONE-HOUR CEREMONY, WHICH TERMINATED WITH THE PEACEFUL DISPERSION OF THE ASSEMBLY, THICH QUANG THE DISCUSSED WITH A CONGEN LOCAL EMPLOYEE EVENTS WHICH PRECEDED THE GATHERING. THE SAID THAT THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 1ST DA NANG'S MAYOR, COL. DAO TRONG TUONG, HAD CALLED ON HIM AT THE PROVINCIAL PAGODA AND ASKED THE'S INTENTIONS REGARDING THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES. THE SAID HE HAD "GUARANTEED" TO THE MAYOR THAT THE BUDDHISTS WOULD NOT DEMONSTRATE, BUT SAID THEY WISHED TO GATHER AT THREE DISTRICT PAGODAS IN DA NANG IN THE AFTERNOON AND MARCH QUIETLY TO THE PROVINCIAL PAGODA FOR THE CEREMONY. THE MAYOR CONCURRED IN THIS PLAN, THE CLAIMED. WHEN IN THE AFTERNOON GROUPS OF BUDDHISTS ATTEMPTED TO LEAVE THE DISTRICT PAGODAS TO MARCH TO THE MAIN PAGODA, HOWEVER, IN SOME CASES POLICE FORBADE THEM TO DO SO. THE WAS NOTIFIED. HE SAID THAT HE TELEPHONED THE MAYOR AND REPEATED HIS PROMISE THAT THE MARCH WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE A "DEMONSTRATION", AND THE MAYOR ORDERED THE POLICE TO PERMIT THE BUDDHISTS TO PROCEED FROM THE THREE SUBORDINATE PAGODAS TO THE MAIN GATHERING PLACE. THE MOVEMENT OF THE APPROXIMATELY 2,000 FAITHFUL, BY FOOT AND ON TRUCK, SOME BEARING BANNERS EXTOLLING THE SPIRIT OF BUDDHISM, THEN PROCEEDED TO THE PROVINCIAL PAGODA WITHOUT INCIDENT.

4. CONGEN'S HUE PROVINCE OFFICE REPORTS THAT HUE WAS QUIET ON NATIONAL DAY. AS FAR AS THE PROVINCE OFFICE IS AWARE, NO GATHERINGS OF POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE TOOK PLACE. SIGNED FRANCIS UNQUOTE MARTIN

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